partment has no objection to send the bulls, on requisition, to the farmer's residence provided the authorities concerned are satisfied that the animals will be properly taken care of.

(c) Yes; in the Vyttila Cocoanut Station. The Devaswam Department stations a stud bull each at Trippunittura, Trichur, Annamanada and Tiruvilluamala. The animal at Annamanada died recently.

(d) Government have realised that the idea is good.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Are those available to all sections of the people?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The questions and answers will kindly be addressed to the President. Nothing can be heard.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—With regard to (c) are these available to all sections of the public?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—They are available.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—I want to know whether the Government propose to give effect to that idea.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—That matter is being considered.

Choondal Panchayat.

176. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the new Choondal Panchayat was constituted;

(b) when did its predecessor function last;

(c) when did the new one function for the first time;

(d) what was the reason for this long period of interregnum;

(e) when were the elections to the Panchayat over;

(f) when was the list of nominations for the new Panchayat submitted first by the Superintendent;

(g) when was the list of nominations published in the Gazette;

(h) what was the long delay due to;

(i) how many suits have been presented during the interregnum;

(j) did any deputation wait on the Diwan connected with the nominations headed by any Member of the Legislative Council;

(k) will the Government be pleased to place on the Council Table papers connected with the nominations to this Panchayat?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) 1—10—1103.

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(b) 6—1—1103.
(c) 5—11—1103.
(d) It was due to the election and nomination of new members.
(e) 17—1—1103.
(f) 1—3—1103.
(g) 18—8—1103.
(h) Certain petitions about the nomination of the members had to be enquired into.
(i) Twenty.
(j) Yes.
(k) Government do not consider it necessary to publish the correspondence.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The new Choondal Panchayat was constituted on 5th Mithunam 1103 while its predecessor functioned for the last time on 6th Chingam 1103, and so it is nearly 10 months since the Panchayat was not working and it is said in answer to another question that, during the period when the Panchayat was not functioning, 20 suits have been filed. That is the answer to (i). In answer to (h) it is said that the long delay was due to the fact that certain petitions about the nomination of the members had to be inquired into. I find the delay has commenced when the elections to the Panchayat were over, that is, from 17th Chingam 1103. The Superintendent is said to have submitted his report regarding the nominations on 1st Thulam 1103. Why was this delay of 1½ months from the date of the elections to the submission of the nomination papers ?

President.—Is he not to ascertain the names of members nominated by the Government before the report is being submitted to the Government ?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I think he can get a list from the Tahsildars of persons who are eligible for nomination. Then he can submit his report. May I know why was this delay of 1½ months ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Under the Rules I had to wait for a week, for petitions are presented and inquiries made.

President.—In this particular case were petitions presented ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There were representations for nomination.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan —Any about persons elected ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Now it is seen that the papers were submitted by the Superintendent on 1st Thulam

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1103 and they were published in the Gazette on 18th Meenam 1103. There is about 5½ months delay for the publication of the final list.

President.—After the approval of the Government this is published.

There was a lot of complaints about the nomination and there was a deputation before me. I had to meet the deputation and hear their arguments. Objections as regards the qualification of certain members were raised. There was a complaint against Mr. Appunni Menon, otherwise called Sankunni Menon. I made a further reference to the Superintendent and there was this considerable delay. That is all about the delay.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is stated here that Government do not think it necessary to publish the correspondence. The delay is said to be due to the correspondence that passed between the Diwan and the Superintendent's office, and due to the deputation that waited upon the Diwan, and so on. What harm is there in placing them on the Table? Are they so very confidential?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The answers are perfectly clear. So the Government do not consider it necessary.

President.—Question time is over. You will have to put in fresh questions, Mr. Salem, on the answers given.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Can't I repeat my questions?

President.—Questions have been answered; you may put supplementary questions on those answers in the form of original questions.

Petitions from Nandipulam and Muplyam people for a road, etc.

177. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what action the Government has taken regarding the petitions from the people of Nandipulam and Muplyam signed by Mr. Kaimook Vaideekan and others requesting for a public road and for water being supplied to their paddy fields and which the Government said in answer to a question in 1102 was under enquiry?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The requests of the petitioners were (1) to repair the existing bund in Nandipulam padom, (2) to put up a chira in the river in Survey No. 60 of Nandipulam and (3) to provide means of communication. In regard to (1) Government think there is no justification in spending public money for improvement of the bund as the jenmies who put it up for their private use are responsible for its maintenance. They were however told that the request would be considered if they would unconditionally surrender the bund and its site to

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